

Serial No.: 09/154,966
Examiner: Steven H. D. Nguyen

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Claims 19, and 21-26 remain in this application. Claims 14-17, 20 and 27 have been canceled herein. Claim 19 has been amended.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 25 and 26 are directed to allowable subject matter. Claims 20, 21, 23-24 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended independent claim 19 to substantially include the limitations of claim 20. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 19 be withdrawn. As claims 21-25 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 19, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, Applicant asserts that these claims are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the claims, and full allowance of same. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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